

recall $X \rightsquigarrow$ chain complex $\rightsquigarrow H_k(X)$

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want $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f_*: H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(Y)$$

example $i: X \hookrightarrow Y$ inclusion of Δ -complexes induces map $i_*: H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(Y)$

Def A map $f_*: C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$ is a chain map if $\partial f = f \partial$, i.e.

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_{k+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_k(X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_{k+1}(Y) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_k(Y) \rightarrow \cdots \quad \text{commutes.}$$

Prop a chain map $f: C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$ induces a map on homology $f_*: H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(Y)$

Proof $H_k(X) \ni [z]$ z cycle in C_k
 $\downarrow$ $\downarrow$ i.e. $\partial z = 0$
 $H_k(Y)$ $[f(z)]$ as $f(z)$ also a cycle.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{k+1}(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_k(X) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{k-1}(X) \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f \quad \downarrow f \\ C_{k+1}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_k(Y) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{k-1}(Y) \end{array}$$

$f(z) \xrightarrow{\partial} \partial f(z) = 0$

check well defined: span $[z + \partial y]$ for $y \in C_{k+1}(X)$

$$\mapsto [f(z + \partial y)] = [f(z) + f(\partial y)] = [f(z)] + [f(\partial y)] = [f(z)] + [\partial f(y)] = [\partial f(y)] = 0 \quad \checkmark \square$$

Persistent homology data set $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$

idea: define $X_r = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(x_i, r)$

and consider homology $H_k(X_r)$

problem hard to compute $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B(x_i, r)$

solution use Rips complex $X_r = \cdot$ connect x_i, x_j if $d(x_i, x_j) \leq r$
 • fill in all triangle, tetrahedra etc.

